irregularities in regard to the execution of MPLADS works have come to the notice of the Government.

(b) The irregularities have been conveyed to the concerned State Governments and District Collectors for taking appropriate remedial measures.

(c) The proper allocating system of MPLADS fund has been provided in the Guidelines on MPLADS.

Method for estimating GDP

3858. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) in accordance with recommendations made by the National Statistical Commission (NSC) whether Government are undertaking any revision of the method currently adopted by the Central Statistical Organisation (CSO) for estimating GDP;

(b) if so, by when are the first series of figures of GDP estimated by the new method are likely to be released; and

(c) whether Government are anticipating any major differences in GDP estimates after the new series is adopted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) The National Statistical Commission (NSC) has not recommended any major changes in the basic methodology for compilation of GDP. However, its recommendations for improvement in the quality of data in various sectors of the economy for the estimation of GDP were considered by the Advisory Committee on National Accounts. Accordingly some exploratory studies for improvement of existing/new data sets have been undertaken by the Ministry.

(b) As a normal exercise, the revision of base year of National Accounts Statistics (NAS) from 1993-94 to 1999-2000 is underway. The revised series on new base using recent datasets is planned to be released by 31st January, 2006.

(c) Since there is no major change in the basic methodology adopted in the estimation of GDP, no major differences in estimates in the revised series *vis-a-vis* present series are anticipated.